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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect Species I, Figs. 2-5, with claims 1-3 readable thereon, without traverse.

Claims 4-7 are dependent from claim 1 of the elected Species and are closely related to the subject matter of the elected Species. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims 4-7 when considering the elected Species.

Respectfully submitted,

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